

**Dexter City Council Meeting  
April 10, 2023**

**Additional Updates**

**No Mow May**

Last year the City of Ann Arbor allowed residents to let their lawns grow in support bees and other pollinators in a movement call "No Mow May". At its April 3, 2023 meeting, the Ann Arbor City Council unanimously adopted a resolution in support of protecting pollinator habitat.

Council will recall last year's "No Mow May" initiative was **not** adopted by the City of Dexter and a number of residents received notice of violation for not maintaining their lawns during the month of May last year. Of the approximately 30 violation notices that were sent to residents/property owners, only one ticket was eventually issued. Many residents heard about the initiative and made the incorrect assumption that it was county wide.

However, the lack of maintenance of lawns in the City last spring prompted Council to amended the general code of ordinances to remove lawn and noxious weeds from the portion of the Code dealing with public nuisances, and incorporated regulation of lawn and noxious weeds into a new Article (III) in the Vegetation Chapter (62) of the General Code. That amendment also established a requirement that the city publish a notice during the first half of the months of April and July regarding the city's grass and weed control regulations. That notice was published on April 5, 2023.

Last week, a City of Dexter resident contacted staff inquiring if the City of Dexter would consider adopting a "No Mow May" Resolution, after reading about Ann Arbor in [Mlive](#). If Council has an interest in considering a No Mow May policy, please let staff know. Thank you.

**Questions from City Council**

From Council Member Aldag:

Was Julie Swanson's donation tied to the Mill Creek Park? And if so, is she ok with having that now donated and be a part of the Expression Swings in the Community Park?

There has been on-going dialogue with Julie Swanson, and it is staff's understanding that Julie is o.k with her donation being put towards the swings in Community Park.